

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE BOISE AREA, IDAHO

LOCATION: Boise is located in southwestern Idaho. It is the state's capital and its largest city. The city is situated on the banks of the Boise River, a tributary of the Snake. North of the river, the city occupies the lower slopes of the Boise Mountains. South of the river, it sits on the river benches. Elevations vary, but the city center (north of the river) sits at about 2,850 feet.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:21	10:28	11:54	13:24	14:42	15:23	15:05	13:59	12:34	11:04	9:45	9:01
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:42	5:15	7:27	9:07	10:31	11:37	13:08	11:54	10:07	7:35	4:11	3:29
AREA OF BLUE SKY	25%	29%	34%	39%	45%	54%	73%	72%	66%	52%	34%	27%
LOW FOR MONTH	2°	11°	20°	27°	32°	40°	46°	45°	35°	26°	18°	8°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	22°	27°	32°	38°	45°	51°	58°	56°	47°	39°	31°	24°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	37°	43°	53°	62°	71°	80°	90°	88°	76°	64°	50°	39°
HIGH FOR MONTH	52°	57°	68°	79°	89°	97°	102°	100°	93°	81°	65°	54°
FROSTY MORNINGS	82%	71%	49%	23%	5%	0%	0%	0%	1%	16%	53%	84%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	16%	57%	45%	8%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	69%	59%	45%	36%	33%	29%	21%	23%	30%	40%	58%	72%
DRY DAYS	63%	66%	70%	75%	77%	82%	93%	92%	89%	83%	71%	66%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	86%	87%	87%	88%	90%	92%	97%	97%	94%	92%	85%	86%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.28	0.23	0.24	0.20	0.21	0.14	0.04	0.04	0.09	0.15	0.23	0.25
LIKELY SNOWFALL	7.6"	4.5"	2.4"	0.7"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	1.9"	5.7"
SNOWY DAYS	21%	14%	7%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	19%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	1%	2%	3%	9%	9%	9%	8%	5%	2%	1%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	19%	11%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	10%	19%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is probable on 65% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 39% in December, to a high of 87% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -3°, and the highest might well be near 104°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones from December through February, but up to 6° cooler than actual ones the rest of the year. The area has a standard mid-latitude four-season year, with short hot summers and long cold winters. Precipitation is sparse, with most of it coming during the cooler months, some of it as snow. Typical summer afternoons are very sunny with quite low humidities and temperatures in the hot to very hot range. Summer nights are usually clear and cool. Typical winter afternoons are cloudy, humid, and cold. About a quarter of them will never warm above freezing. Winter nights are quite cold, with four out of five dropping below freezing. Snowfalls and snow flurries are common, but the ground is not snow-covered most winter days.